

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 17-21.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 and 11-15 are present in this application. Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been canceled. Claims 13-15 have been withdrawn. Of the elected claims, currently claims 3 and 4 are independent claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-9, 11, and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to. Applicants provide herewith a replacement sheet showing Figures 17-21 as "Conventional Art."

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 102(b) – Koike

Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,781,253 (Koike). Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, and 10. Thus, Applicants submit that the rejection no longer applies and should be withdrawn. Subsequently, Applicants submit that lack of any further issues, the application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Robert Downs** Reg. No. 48,222 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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